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W. BOFFEY & Co.,  
TAILORS,

2, D'AGUILAR STREET.

Have an entirely New Stock of WOOLLENS to suit the Present and Coming Season.

Consisting of:—

FANCY SUITINGS, DRESS, FROCK and MORNING COAT SUITINGS, ULSTER and  
OVERCOATINGS, BREECHES and RIDING MATERIALS in variety.

FANCY VESTINGS, TATTERSALLS and others.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1896.

## EYE-SIGHT.

## NOTICE.

M. R. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of  
LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be con-  
sulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG  
HOTEL (Room No. 139).

FOR A FEW DAYS ONLY.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases  
affecting those advancing in life occur to those  
having some deficiency in the construction of  
the eye—the many years of "Eye Strain"  
ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses  
specially adapted in youth to those requiring  
them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of  
dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters  
running together, any of these symptoms indi-  
cate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring  
Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES  
only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

HONGKONG HOTEL,

(Room No. 139).

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1896.

## Today's

## Advertisements.

## FALSTAFF:

Bardolph, am I not fallen away vilely  
since this last action? Do I not baste? Do  
I not dwindle? Go thee hither and bring  
me a bottle of SEATTLE RAINIER BEER.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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HALLOOI HALLOOI HALLOOI!

## JUST ARRIVED

## AMERICAN SALT COD.

15 Cents per Pound.

REDUCTION ON QUANTITY.

Apply to

THOMAS GRILL ROOM.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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## JUST OPENED.

CASES OF CADBURY'S SWEETS in FANCY  
BOXES and PACKAGES, as follows:—  
Chocolate MACAROONS. Chocolate NOUGAT.  
" ALMONDS. " CARAMELS.  
" CRISMS. " DESSERT PLAIN.

Also  
Assorted CRISMS and CHOCOLATE ALMONDS  
to be sold loose by lbs.

10% DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

H. RUTTONJEE,

15, D'AGUILAR STREET.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

## "PALAWAN."

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From Italy, ex S.S. Clyde.

Optional goods will be landed here unless  
Instructions are given to the contrary before 4  
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns and a certificate of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company within ten  
days after the Vessel's arrival here after which  
no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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FROM BOMBAY, TUTICORIN AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU"  
having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods,  
with the exception of Valuable, are being  
landed at their risk into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, at Waichai, whence delivery  
may be obtained.

All damaged or damaged Goods must be left in  
the Godowns and a certificate of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company, and sent  
into this Office within seven days after the  
vessel's arrival, after which no claims will be  
recognized, and Goods remaining undelivered  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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SINGAPORE.

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obtained from the Godown Company, and sent  
into this Office within seven days after the  
vessel's arrival, after which no claims will be  
recognized, and Goods remaining undelivered  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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FROM BOMBAY, TUTICORIN AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SENDAI MARU"  
Captain C. Olsen, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1896.

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## Intimations.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG  
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY  
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES  
AND  
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at the  
Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintage. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest  
Price, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
artificially made from raisins and currants,  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Colon Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896.

## BIRTH.

On 3rd inst., at Los Angeles, California, the  
wife of JOHN CARROLL, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1896.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

What has come over the "Grand Old  
Man" of merrie, merrie England and the  
"G.O.M." of the Fatherland? Some  
people persist in regarding them as far-  
sighted statesmen, while others affirm—  
and they are probably not far out in their  
estimate—they are harmless and well-  
meaning gentlemen who have the mis-  
fortune to suffer from whims incidental  
to being well in their dotage. The other  
day Mr. GLADSTONE was doing his level  
best to induce the British Government to  
let loose the dogs of war because of the  
Armenian massacres, and his astounding  
not to say indiscreet, action was soon  
followed by the explosion of a Bismarckian  
bombshell in the "Iron Chancellor's"  
very own organ, the *Hamburger*  
*Nachrichten*. It was in the form of  
a "revelation" and set forth in the most  
positive manner that a secret Russo-  
German agreement was concluded soon  
after the accession of ALEXANDER III.  
whereby, if either Power were attacked,  
the other would remain benevolently  
neutral; the agreement continued in force  
until 1890, when Count CAPPRI terminated  
it. Bismarck doubtless expected to  
electrify the world, paralyze bourses, and  
cause at the very least "strained relations"  
between some of the Continental Powers  
and England. Happily neither of these  
well-meaning, albeit rather mischievous,  
old gentlemen have been taken very  
seriously. A certain amount of attention  
has been given to their utterances; as was  
only to be expected. They've had their say,  
and as they are out of office and, therefore,  
however well informed generally, not in the  
"know" of things political, it is not to be  
supposed for a moment that their  
vehemence or ill-timed attempts to upset  
the equilibrium of well-balanced Powers  
will have the slightest effect either on the  
destiny of that blot on the civilization of  
the Great West who by courtesy is styled  
the Ruler, or Sultan, of Turkey or upon  
the future of Oriental states. It seems  
reasonable to assume that the Great  
Powers have come to some understanding  
by this time in respect to Turkey and that  
the "reign of terror" will ere long  
cease for ever. But it was the height  
of folly to advocate action by Great  
Britain that could but result in a  
great European war and terrible  
bloodshed—the pouring out of the blood  
of innocents as compared with which the  
recent cowardly massacres of Armenians  
would be a mere trifle. It is to be hoped  
that the "unspeakable Turk" will shortly  
be quietly and firmly suppressed, and that  
the Power or Powers who undertake the  
task will have with them the goodwill  
and moral influence of all nations that  
claim to be civilized. The existence of the  
Turk as a power in Europe has hitherto  
been dependent on the jealousies of  
the other nations—chiefly of Great  
Britain and Russia. If now those jealous-  
ies be replaced with a clear understand-  
ing and a definite policy having the sanc-

tion of the leading European Governments,  
then how much longer will the Turk be a  
source of danger and grave anxiety? This  
is an age in which the unexpected usually  
happens, so, improbable as such a desirable  
consummation may seem, we should not be  
surprised if some such scheme as that  
suggested were soon generally admitted to be  
within the bounds of reason and common sense.

The Aberdeen piracy and murder case  
being *sub judice*, it is not for us to offer  
comment thereon at present, but we feel  
that we are justified in repeating the  
warning given to shipmasters in these  
columns about two years ago. At that  
time two glaring cases of piracy occurred  
within 24 days of each other, one in Hong-  
kong waters and the other on the Canton  
River, only 40 miles away. One of the  
vessels attacked was Messrs. ROBERT JACK  
& Co.'s launch *Kwong Sang*, on board  
which there were many passengers, all of  
whom were robbed of their money and  
valuables in a most barefaced and  
deliberate manner and in broad daylight.  
Then there was the big trading junk  
"held up" near Sulphur Channel, Green  
Island, by a gang of pirates armed to the  
teeth. In this case the victims escaped  
with their lives and what they stood up in,  
the junk and cargo being annexed by the  
ruthless marauders. In addition to these  
cases there are fresh in our memory the  
terrible *Namoa*, *Spark*, and *Gryhound*  
tragedies that should never be forgotten.  
But we are sadly afraid that the "little  
reminders" we get from time to time in  
the shape of successful raids on Chinese  
craft near Hongkong, Amoy, and Ningpo  
are soon forgotten and those who "go  
down to the sea in ships" are lulled into  
a sense of security which is not at all  
justified by circumstances or facts.

It is probable that there were no oppor-  
tunity for a successful attack that, as far  
as foreign-owned vessels are concerned,  
there would be no attack. But when the  
scouts of pirate chiefs find vessels with  
arms placed on board chiefly for what is  
known as "look see pldgin" and that per-  
haps there are only two or three old  
revolvers amongst half a dozen Europeans,  
while the ammunition is as scarce as straw-  
berries in winter, then, if they know such  
a vessel is carrying a lot of treasure and  
has a number of wealthy native  
passengers on board it is little  
wonder that an attack is success-  
ful. The circumstance seems to be over-  
looked, in great measure, that the average  
Chinese coaster carries only about half  
a dozen Europeans—the captain, two  
officers, and three engineers—and that  
their Chinese crews are absolutely use-  
less when it comes to a brush with these  
"terrors of Eastern Seas." They become  
paralysed with fear and, if not accessories  
before the fact, readily render assistance  
in driving the engines and steering as  
they are bidden. If the Chinese crews  
could be depended on to fight to the death  
in backing up their officers, well and good;  
but, unfortunately, they cannot be looked  
to for succour in the hour of need, as the  
bitter experience of the past clearly shows.  
It therefore behoves the mere handful of  
foreigners on board China coasters—who  
under present circumstances carry their  
lives in their hands—to keep their powder  
dry and shoot straight when the time  
comes for dealing summarily with social  
parasites of the lowest and most danger-  
ous type. Far be it from us to create  
unnecessary alarm. As far as we know  
there is no imminent danger of attack, but  
unfortunately none of us know what any  
hour may bring forth on board vessels  
sailing from the waters of a colony like  
Hongkong in close proximity to the ille-  
governed, disorderly, and densely popu-  
lated province of Kwangtung.

## TELEGRAMS.

[From Kobe Chronicle.]

## THE TAX ON FORMOSA TEA.

TOKIO, November 4th.  
A notification made by the Governor General's  
Office in Formosa has been published in the  
*Official Gazette*, announcing a tax of yen 2.40  
per picul on tea.

## THE PLAGUE IN FORMOSA.

TOKIO, November 3rd.  
The number of cases of black plague in Taipei  
prefecture, Formosa, has reached 37. Mr. Arai  
Sei, the founder of the Japanese commercial  
school at Shanghai, the students of which  
rendered valuable services to the Japanese  
Government during the war, is among the victims  
killed by the plague.

TOKIO, November 4th.  
A dispatch from Surgeon Fujita at Taipei of  
the 2nd inst., states that since the 28th ult., when  
the black plague broke out, 48 deaths have  
occurred, four-fifths of the victims being Japanese.  
The disease happily is not spreading very  
rapidly.

The Home Minister has issued a notification  
today with the advice of the Central Board of  
Health, to the effect that, the black plague having  
broken out in Formosa, all vessels arriving at  
Mojji, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama from  
Formosa shall be subjected to medical inspection  
from to-morrow.

MILITARY OPERATIONS IN FORMOSA.  
TOKIO, November 4th.  
A dispatch has been received from Formosa  
to the effect that it has been decided to attack  
18 tribes of savages in the neighbourhood of  
Tainan, and the operation has been commenced  
by the army.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.  
TOKIO, November 4th.  
H.L.H. Prince Yamashiro Kikumasu, Sub-  
Lieutenant in the Navy, has been promoted to  
the rank of full Lieutenant and assigned to the  
cruiser *Chiyoda*; Commanders Tomikawa and  
Niiro have been promoted to the rank of Captain.  
The latter has been appointed naval attaché to  
the Japanese Legation in Seoul.

THE BIRTHDAY BANQUET.  
TOKIO, November 4th.  
At the banquet given by the Foreign Minister  
last night in honour of the Emperor's birthday,  
H. E. Baron von Gutschmidt, German Minister,  
the Dayen of the *Corps Diplomatique*, pro-  
posed the toast of the Emperor. Count Okuma  
responded: "Such a large gathering has rarely  
been witnessed before. The foreign guests alone  
numbered over 500 and almost all the invitations  
issued are said to have been accepted."

## TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

THE REBELLION IN THE  
PHILIPPINES.

SATCON, November 12th.  
A Havas message dated Paris November 11th  
states:—The Spaniards attacked the insurgents  
in their fortifications at Movelata. The  
Spaniards lost 33 killed and the rebels' loss was  
400 killed.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

LORD SALISBURY AT THE  
GUILDHALL.

LONDON, November 10th.  
Lord Salisbury, speaking at the Guildhall  
banquet, said that he had many advisers as to  
the method by which the Great Powers could be  
induced to adopt our policy in regard to Turkey.

## A PRETTY CONCEPTION.

He alluded to the favourite advice of Mr.  
Leonard Courtney and Mr. Morley, which he  
considered a pretty and almost idyllic conception  
of the conditions of international policy.

## NO REASON FOR VACILLATION.

He saw no reason for abandoning the policy  
hitherto pursued or for relinquishing a single  
acre of land that Great Britain at present occu-  
pies.

A HIT AT THE GRAND OLD AGITATOR.  
He was glad the nation now understood  
that isolated action in Turkey was impossible.

CONCERTED ACTION QUITE POSSIBLE.  
The European concert seemed at present to  
be better fitted than it had ever been before to  
act in the question.

## WHAT THE SULTANATE CAN DO.

He considered that the Sultanate alone could  
ameliorate the lot of Christians and Musul-  
mans.

## WELL-MERITED EULOGY.

He eulogized Lord Cromer and Sir H. H.  
Kitchener, and said that the performance of the  
latter in the Sudan campaign would challenge  
comparison with any in our annals.

SETTLEMENT OF THE VENEZUELA  
QUESTION.

He announced the settlement of the Vene-  
zuela Question in conformity with the suggestion  
of the United States to apply the principle of  
Civil law, whereby the validity of a title was  
admitted after a certain lapse of time.

## AN OLD STORY.

The St. Petersburg *Novosti* reports that  
during the late China-Japan war China offered  
Formosa to Great Britain and that Lord  
Rosebery declined it.

## CHOLERA IN TOKIO.

Kobe, November 4th.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon of  
the 30th ult., 15 fresh cases of cholera were  
reported in Tokio, of which three ended fatally.  
This has brought up the total from the 5th ult.  
to 105 cases.—*Chronicle*.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Chinese Consulate at Yokohama was re-  
opened on the 10th inst.

H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived here from Shanghai,  
via Amoy, at 4.15 this afternoon.

THERE will be a game of Hockey to-morrow  
afternoon at Happy Valley, "bally" at 4.45.

THE trooper *Cephalonia*, with the West York-  
shire Regiment for Hongkong, arrived at Singa-  
pore yesterday.

THE steamer *Powan* will leave for Canton to-  
morrow (Friday), the 13th instant, at 7 A.M.,  
instead of 8 A.M.

DR. STUART ELDRIDGE has been appointed  
Hawaitian Consul at Yokohama in place of Mr.  
B. C. Howard, resigned.

SINCE the outbreak of dysentery this year up  
to October 25th, 75,473 cases have been reported  
in Japan, of which 19,085 ended fatally.

It is reported by Yokohama papers that the Yoko-  
hama Specie Bank will probably open branches  
at Amoy and Singapore early next year.

THE football match—Hongkong Football Club  
v. the Garrison—resulted this afternoon in a  
victory for the military team by 3 goals to 1.

ON the 26th ultimo the plague patients in  
Calcutta were discharged from the Isolation  
Hospital. No fresh cases had occurred up to  
that date.

DOCTOR RIZAL, the alleged revolutionary leader,  
who had been taken to Montjuich Castle, has  
been shipped again for the Philippines at the  
request of the military judge there.

COUNT ITABATA, the great apostle of "Liberty  
of the subject" in Japan, during four months and a  
half's control of the Department of Home Affairs,  
suspended seven publications!

A CRICKET match will be played at Happy  
Valley on Saturday, the 14th instant, between  
the Hongkong Rovers and an XI. from H.M.S.  
*Nardines*. Play will commence at 2 p.m.

The following will play for the Rovers:—W.  
Moore, J. Shelley (captain), A. Caesar, W.  
Buckley, J. Harris, H. Chaine, A. Brown, D.  
McHardy, J. Kerr, P. Hyndman and J. Smith.  
Mr. H. Hony will act as umpire, and P. J.  
James, R.B., has kindly consented to perform  
the duties of scorer.

THE Formosan authorities gave permission on  
the 28th ult. to a company, promoted by Mr.  
Yasuda Yasukadau and others, with a capital of  
15,000,000 yen, to construct a railway from  
Taipei to Takan.

GENTLEMEN who have not yet paid for, or  
returned, the admission tickets sent them for the  
Al Fresco Fête, which will take place on Sunday  
next, the 15th inst., should do so at once to the  
Hon. Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de  
Paul.

THE traffic returns of the Great Northern  
Telegraph Company show that the receipts in  
September, 1896, amounted to £24,000. From  
January 1st to September 30th, 1896, they were  
£212,000, against £231,200 for the corresponding  
period of last year.

Mr. MORANT, from Siam, is expected shortly in  
Perak. He has been appointed by the Secretary  
of State to reorganize the Education Department  
of the Federated Native States—an appointment  
which, says the *Phiang Gazette*, Mr. Collinge, of  
the Peak Education Department, is fully  
competent to undertake.

NEXT Sunday there will be a yacht race under  
the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Yacht  
Club. The course (No. 11, as per the Club's  
hand-book) will be between Central Fairway  
beyond Round Man, Boat off Green Island  
(starboard), Cosmopolitan Dock buoy (starboard)  
and Channel Rock; in all 14 miles.

THE Rifle Brigade, who have been busily erect-  
ing tents for the last few days, went into camp  
today at Kowloon, where they occupy quite a  
cavey town, neatly laid out in the vicinity of  
the hideous matchboxes. Provided the weather  
keeps fine, and snakes and centipedes are not  
too plentiful, they will have a pleasant outing  
preparatory to their close confinement on board  
the trooper which is to carry them to Singapore.

THE *Rattler* appears to be having a run of bad  
luck, as since leaving here she has lost an  
anchor (which was only recovered after con-  
siderable delay), burst a steam-pipe and had  
another of her officers laid up with fever. We  
hear that the probable cause of the fever has  
been discovered and removed so her officers  
may now look forward to pleasant times. She  
will pass the winter in the north—at Chemulpo  
and Cheloo.

THE meeting of the Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark  
Mariners was held on the 10th instant, when  
Bro. G.P. Jordan was installed as W.C.N. for  
the ensuing year. The installation ceremony  
was performed by P.W.C.N. Hastings assisted  
by P.W.C.N. Bryant. W.C.N. Jordan then  
invested his officers as follows:—

.....Bro. P. R. Simmonds.	.....T. Spafford.
.....Sergeant .....	.....J. R. Grinble.
.....Treasurer .....	.....S. Hancock.
.....Scribe .....	.....F. Howell.
.....S.D. ....	.....J. Leach.
.....J.D. ....	.....W. Farmer.
.....D.C. ....	.....T. Diamond.
.....Guardian .....	.....J. Maxwell.
.....Warder .....	.....J. Maxwell.

A PRIVATE in the Rifle Brigade made a cowardly  
attack on a sick man who lay in Queen's  
Road East. The man was drawing a fare quietly  
when the party in uniform, with a comrade,  
came along, alighted under the influence of  
liquor. They gave the sick man trouble to  
pass them, and, as he did so, the military hero  
struck the man a heavy blow on the bare head  
with a cane, and then walked off down the  
road with as much swagger as if he owned it.  
The man who is guilty of such uncalculated  
brutality as this is not a credit to the cloth he  
wears, and some shot drill would do him an  
immense amount of good. This kind of  
behaviour has given our authorities in the East  
trouble on several occasions.

MANY of our readers will be glad to learn that  
Humphreys Estate and Finance Company are  
now building at Kowloon a terrace of houses  
(eight in number) which will unquestionably  
supply a very long-felt want. Each house will  
have four rooms, two bath-rooms, servants'  
quarters, a back yard, and garden in front, and as  
the rent will be only \$2



We have to acknowledge receipt a very neatly got up copy of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's programme and rules for the season 1896-97. It sets forth that Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., is Commodore; Captain W. C. H. Hastings is Vice-Commodore; and Captain Sterling, A.D.C., is Captain of the Club. The various courses are given in handy form, while the list of members (68) and the number of boats and cruisers gives evidence that Mr. A. Denison, the indefatigable Secretary, and the other officers of the Club have lost no opportunity to augment the popularity of this health-giving pastime.

SOME discussion has taken place among Japanese ship-owners as to whether the strict application of the Navigation Encouragement law may not hinder the development of the steam merchant service of their country. According to the provisions of the law, steamers to be benefited by the law, are required to have Japanese as their captains, but, says the *Yokohama Advertiser*, it is impossible at present to find Japanese captains who have sufficient experience on the foreign lines, and even if they could be found they would not command the confidence of insurance companies in foreign countries, which is necessary if the lines are to be made profitable. In the present state of affairs the shipowners are therefore forced to engage foreign captains to insure against loss. The Government, the shipowners are reported to be contending, should take this into consideration and not insist upon a strict compliance with the letter of the law.

It is a comfort to learn that every British industry is not hurrying headlong to immediate extinction as we have rather been given to understand of late. Steel is one of those manufactures in which we are supposed to have been most decisively beaten by the foreigners, but from the statistics of the iron trade for the first half of the present year it appears that there has been a most remarkable advance in our production. The amount produced was all but 2,000,000 tons, which is far in excess of anything hitherto accomplished in any European country. The largest increase of output appears to have taken place in the "open-hearth" steel industry, which, although not much over twenty-five years old, and scarcely worked on a commercial scale twenty years ago, now yields over 2,000,000 tons of material per annum. This is an advance which is without parallel in the history of any other branch of British iron-making, and is perhaps unique in the history of British industry.

THE well-known Ching-Ling Foo Troupe of conjurers and mystifiers in general opened at the Victoria Hall last evening before a large audience. The stage is very neatly fitted up in the Chinese style and the lighting has been augmented by some additional electric lamps, the interior now presenting a light and pleasing appearance. The famous Ching-Ling Foo troupe opened the programme with some extraordinary feats of conjuring. His evolution of a pall of water that members of the audience could not lift was a most remarkable trick, the wonder being, where the water came from. The same performer also gave a number of other curious exhibitions, winding up by a fire-eating display. This last was a very weird scene, the flames pouring out of his mouth like fire from a chimney on fire. Foo Foo and Tio Tio, the child-artists, were heartily applauded for their skillful plate-spinning, tumbling and contortionist acts, as well as for a graceful display of wire walking. The little ones bid fair to become very warm favourites with the public and they deserve to do so. Another member of the troupe performed some extraordinary feats of balancing with slippery porcelain jars. An exhibition of sword swallowing also calls for special mention, the performer sending a blade full 20 inches in length well down into his commissariat department without inconvenience and he also thrust daggers through his cheeks without any visible discomfort. A Chinese orchestra played some music said to be English, and it was perhaps a good thing for everybody that they were not seen. The show is a clever and interesting one and will well repay a visit.

IN the course of his speech at the Guildhall on Wednesday Lord Salisbury was able to announce that the Venezuela angle has at last been unravelled, not, however, as at first proposed by the British Government, but "in conformity with the suggestion of the United States to apply the principle of Civil law, whereby the validity of a title is admitted after a certain lapse of time." So all the threats and insinuations of Mr. Cleveland and his bitterly anti-British Secretary, Mr. Olney, have come to naught and there will be no war. As a matter of fact, there was never any prospect of any bond fide intention of waging war either on the part of Great Britain or the United States. The whole scene was nothing more or less than a very contemptible electioneering dodge, on a par with the disgraceful Sackville West incident and other unedifying manoeuvres of needy politicians to keep in office at all costs and at all hazards to the national welfare and the nation's honour. Mr. Cleveland finding there was no hope of his party carrying all before it at the recent elections gradually climbed down and no sooner was the late of the Democratic administration sealed by the triumph of the Republicans at the election on the 3rd instant than the British Government was given to understand that before going out of office Mr. Cleveland would settle the question on the lines now indicated in Lord Salisbury's oration. It is to be hoped that we have heard the last of such "tricks of the trade"—and politics in the States seems unfortunately to have become a trade—and that with Mr. McKinley in power brighter days are in store for our "American cousins." It is certain that the McKinleys can do no worse than the Clevelanders, neither can they render the government of a great nation more galling to the governed or more loathsome in the sight of the European Powers.

CAN it be possible that Singapore is more loyal than Hongkong? It would almost seem so judging by the announcement in the *Singapore Free Press* of the Thursday, 5th instant, that—"next Monday, the Prince of Wales' birthday will be kept as a public holiday by the Banks and Government Offices."

THE Madrid correspondent of the *Journal des Debats* says that of the 90,525 men who were called to the colours in Spain on 13th of last month 40,000 will go to Cuba, 3,000 to the Philippines, and 2,000 to Porto Rico, while the rest will be distributed among the various Corps d'Armée in the Peninsula.

As the German cruiser *Prinzess Wilhelme* was leaving Nagasaki harbour early last Monday week she came into collision with the Chinese Mutual liner *Hylon*, bound from Liverpool. The man-of-war had some of her boats damaged but beyond that neither vessel apparently sustained much damage.

### THE DEATH OF A SCHOOLBOY.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE INQUEST.

The inquest touching the death of Tong Wing (Frank Butler), a Diocesan schoolboy, who died in the Government Civil Hospital on the 2nd inst., was resumed at the Magistrate's this afternoon before Captain Hastings. As on the former occasion, Mr. H. L. Denys appeared on behalf of the parents of deceased. Mr. Deacon appeared for the Diocesan School Committee and Mr. Grist for Mr. Ralph.

Annie Patterson, a Sister employed at the Government Civil Hospital, deposed that she was on duty at about noon on October 31st, when she saw deceased, who was discharged. He was outside the ward door looking very sick, and witness sent him back and called for the doctor, as he was not fit to be discharged.

To Mr. Denys—Was not on duty when the boy was discharged, and had nothing to do with him till the 31st. He only said he felt sick and did not complain of pain in his head. He did not say he had fallen, and if he had fallen to the ward others would have seen him.

To Mr. Deacon—He did not mention the name of the school or that of Mr. Ralph.

Mr. Percy, head master of the Diocesan School, recalled, put in the punishment book, where Tong Wing's name last appeared on July 15th. He was then caned for running off without permission and received two or three strokes on the hands; that was the only entry regarding deceased.

To a juror—Deceased had not, to his knowledge, been caned since the day named.

To Mr. Deacon—Fong Hing Wong left the school in August. He ran away from the school. Fong Hing Wong left the school in 1895 for Shanghai. It was about 10 o'clock on the night before deceased died that witness saw deceased. The doctor was present. Witness asked deceased who struck him and he said Mr. Ralph did so on the Saturday before he went into hospital.

To Mr. Denys—He saw the entry of 19th April in the book saying that Hung Fui To was punished for disorderly behavior when walking to the Cathedral, Mr. Ralph. Did not know what the punishment was or where it took place. Believed the boy ran away the same night. His friends brought him back but he refused to admit him. Thought he sent a boy to his friends to tell them to bring his things away. It was the person who used to pay the boy's fees who brought him back. Could not say if the boy came himself. Witness asked Mr. Ralph how he had punished the boy, and he believed he told him what was done, but witness could not remember it. He understood it was a caning. The boy went away about 5 p.m. but nobody told witness he was going. He did not remember when he first heard of the boy running away. He believed the boy was in the large dormitory, the master on duty (Mr. Ralph) being in charge if he took the boys to the Cathedral. On the Sunday before the boy died Dr. Atkinson wrote that he said he had been assaulted. Asked the masters on the premises (Messrs. Ralph and Barclay) about the matter. Asked some of the boys about it also. None of the boys or masters on Sunday night said that deceased had a fall. He had been out on the coast by a boy, Hokan, that deceased had had a fall, and he also heard of it on the Wednesday after the boy's death. Witness's wife first told him of it. Did not speak to Mr. Ralph until breakfast time after the Sunday. Showed him the doctor's letter and told him Tong Wing had said in presence of the doctor and witness that he had been struck by Mr. Ralph on the forehead with a wooden stick on the Saturday the boy went to hospital. Deceased, he said, had stated that he was punished for having light mistakes in dictation. Another boy was struck also. Mr. Ralph made no reply at first, but afterwards before him he said the boy was not in school on the day he said he was struck. Mr. Ralph said he was quite sure of that and also that he had done nothing to hasten or cause Tong Wing's death and that he would be very unhappy if he thought he had done so. He had said nothing more to witness on the matter. Witness did not think he showed the doctor's letter to the two masters, but said generally that Tong Wing complained of having been struck by master. On the day (Wednesday) named in the doctor's letter deceased was in school, but was sick the day before. On the Wednesday deceased had eight mistakes in his dictation. Witness examined deceased's class in dictation that day. His sickness on the previous night may have accounted for the mistakes. The boy was marked "sick" on the two days after this and was sent to the hospital next day. Deceased did no more dictation after that until, before Tong Wing went to hospital witness received no report of his having had a fall and injuring himself. The masters had rules and wooden pointers about 2 ft long. Pong Kum Ting ran away from the school for a few days, but he did not remember why.

To Mr. Deacon—The boy Hing Sui In was declared by witness because he was a bad boy and very troublesome. The school was not a "caring school." Witness had been headmaster here for 17 years and had had experience at the Government Central School and at Canton. Very little caning went on at this school. Tong Wing's father was a Chinese and could not do anything with them and they resented the caning at night. Very few boys ran away from the school altogether. Deceased's mistakes in dictation were in spelling. The ruler Mr. Ralph used was a light flat one, like the one in court. The pointers tapered off to a point. He had not seen Mr. Ralph with any other kind of ruler save that described.

Dr. Atkinson, recalled, said that he was sure the boy was suffering from encephalitis. When admitted to the hospital there was no reason to suppose his head was injured. At the boy had received a blow 11 days before it would depend

upon the nature of the blow whether the marks showed or not. He thought that the hemorrhage of the brain must have been of some day's duration. He could not have received the blow while in hospital. The blow was on the right forehead, just above the temple where there was no hair. Deceased gave no reason for being hit and in witness's opinion deceased perfectly understood what he was saying when he made his statement. He also thoroughly understood the questions put to him on Sunday afternoon at 5.30.

To Mr. Deacon—The boy said on the first occasion that he was struck on the Wednesday. He did not think the flat ruler (produced) would have caused the injury, but the concussion of a fall would have done so.

The inquest was adjourned till Thursday next at 2.15 p.m. for further evidence.

### LICENSING SESSION.

At the Annual Session of Justices of the Peace held at the Magistrate's this afternoon, there were present Capt. Hastings (President), Deputy Sup't. Corcoran, Messrs F. Vetch, D. E. Brown, A. Shelton Hooper, Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Messrs A. Chapman, C. S. Sharp, W. M. B. Arthur, and Chun Kwan I. The following licences were granted:—

Joachim Gomes, "The Man at the Wheel Hotel," Publican's licence.  
L. P. Madar, "The New Victoria Hotel," Publican's licence.  
A. Bejuncie, "The Peak Hotel," Publican's licence.  
L. M. Lobo, "The Kowloon Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Hock Goo, "The Grand Hotel," Publican's licence.  
John A. Drewes, "The Praya East Hotel," Publican's licence.  
M. Stenberg, "The Colonial Hotel," Publican's licence.  
I. Silbermann, "The Globe Hotel," Publican's licence.  
G. Neubrunn, "The Land we live in Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Eather Oliver, "The Travellers' Hotel," Publican's licence.  
W. Krater, "The Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Anne Melhuish, "The Criterion Restaurant," Adjunct licence.  
F. I. F. Bedford, "The Western Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Mary Petersen, "The German Tavern," Publican's licence.  
J. W. Osborne, "The Bay View Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Frederick Blahop, "The Grill Room," Adjunct licence.  
P. Bohm, "The Windsor Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Henry Cook, "Mount Austin Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Charles Mooney, "The Hongkong Hotel," Publican's licence.  
Moosa Mahomed, "The Stag Hotel," Publican's licence.  
A. Mohr, "The Sailors' Home," Publican's licence.

Regarding the licence of Mrs. Melhuish, Mr. Sheen Hooper said she was a splasher when the licence was last renewed, but had since married. He questioned whether the licence should not be in her husband's name.

Capt. Hastings said if the licence were withheld he could not carry on the business.

Mr. Hooper claimed that the woman had no civil rights and could not be sued in a civil court. He further urged that the licence should be taken out in the husband's name.

After a little discussion the licence was granted.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, October 20th.

There has been plenty of life in the sporting world this month, horse and pony races being frequent as ever at Randwick, Canterbury Park, and Moorefield, and pedestrianism is again being given up at Little Bridge. Cricket is in full swing and the boys are all showing fine form. Cycling is booming, and the spring carnival at Adelaide attracted over 5000 persons. The racing at Adelaide, however, was marred a good deal by the conduct of an American rider named Martin. After the first heat of the Mile International Scratch Race, Martin was cautioned for looking round and wobbling in the straight. Martin denied that he had looked around, and told the judge that he was no gentleman. He was then ordered off the track. In the final of the Flying Handicap the winner, B. McDonnell, ran very wide when approaching the winning post, and Martin was in consequence crowded on to the fence, which he bumped several times. Martin, who was greatly incensed, entered a protest, and as the riders were about to return to the pavilion he struck McDonnell on the face. The crowd booed Martin, whose conduct was brought under the notice of the racing and records committee. It was resolved to disqualify him for two months, and his protest against McDonnell was dismissed. Martin consulted Mr. J. H. Symon, Q.C., who wrote to the league demanding that the suspension be removed by 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, October 20th, and the inquiry as to his disqualification be re-opened. Martin called several witnesses for his defence, and the inquiry was adjourned till Wednesday evening, to enable Martin to cross-examine those witnesses who were called on Saturday evening. Martin signed a paper stating that he would abide by the decision of the league. Randall and Symonds were severely reprimanded for suspicious riding.

In aquatic there is plenty of life on Saturday afternoon, and the harbour presents a pretty aspect, the white-winged craft of all styles scudding up and down, lending a pleasing animation to the scene. As the summer bids fair to be very warm, sailing is about the pleasantest recreation one can "take on."

The Rifle Association's 35th annual meeting has proved a great success and all the best shots of the colonies took part. On the opening day there were over 4500 entries and the cash prizes totalled £2,500. Australia is going to follow in the footsteps of Canada and send a team to Bismarck next week, probably in April. When the year's Colonial team went home, but the spec was not a success. The Canadians have generously offered the Australians the use of their permanent camp at Bismarck, and are also anxious that our men should visit Canada. The trip to England alone and back would cost £150, and this could be raised by subscription, without going to the Association's funds in the different colonies.

The Adelaide S.S. Co.'s big chartered steamer, the *Indianapolis*, was in trouble at Brisbane a few days ago, having been arrested by a Vice-Admiralty Court order. Early last month she collided with a steamer towing a coal

pont, and did £70 worth of damage. The claim not being settled quickly enough for the plaintiffs (Lindsay Bros.) they seized the vessel, which was released at noon the same day.

Captain M'Arthur, the genial skipper of the *Gullair* (E. and A. line), who has been honours-mooning, has again taken command of his vessel, and Capt. St. J. George, who brought her up from China, has gone to Melbourne on a holiday. It is feared that the quest for New Guinea gold has probably cost a party of six whites and four natives their lives. The men were prospecting near Samarai, and, no tidings being heard of them for some weeks, enquiries were made with the result that they are supposed to have been murdered. The captain of a trading cutter picked up a native on the coast who said he was the sole survivor of the party. He also stated that the boat had capsized, and all the men had been drowned, adding that he had buried the body of a white man who had been washed ashore. Not being satisfied with his story, the captain offered a reward for any articles belonging to the boat and succeeded in recovering a Winchester rifle and a revolver, neither of which showed any signs of having been in the water. Next day some of the natives brought the captain a pair of trousers and a boat oar, and stated that the missing boat was ashore at Tarama. The cutter was prevented by adverse weather from reaching this locality, and as the information pointed directly to the massacre of the party, the captain immediately reported the matter to the authorities. Mr. Morton, the magistrate of the south-east division, has since proceeded to the scene.

At Sudest (New Guinea) a British Gold-Mining Company is at work and Sir William McGregor has given the company the services of 50 prisoners for a year. The company find all food, accommodation, etc., and pay the Government 1d. per day for the prisoners, who are guarded by armed police. Sir William says he sees no reason to be apprehensive of bad results. Latest news from the field reports all prospects of an early and heavy wet season. A much-needed dry dock for Newcastle is likely to be established at last. An English syndicate proposes to convert the Stockton patent slip into a dry dock to receive the largest vessels. There is every probability of the dock being a great success, as at present large numbers of ships have to come to Sydney for repair or overhaul. The live stock trade at the coast centre is brisk, among latest fixtures being the *Laipora* to take 100 horses to India and the *Flado* to take 145 head of cattle to Normans. The *Port Pirie* is now taking 12,000 carcasses of frozen mutton for London, and the *Gay of Storm* is unloading 400 tons of machinery for the Aberdeen Chilling Works.

Some more particulars are coming to hand regarding the boom in the "Golden West." Dwelling houses (says a correspondent) are unobtainable in Perth at almost any price; thousands of people are in consequence camping under canvas in the outskirts; about half a dozen new townships have sprung up within as many months; new and handsome buildings are being erected in Perth, Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, and places which a little while back were wildernesses of salt and sand; the camping grounds at a few aboriginal tribes are now growing cities; swarming hives of industry. The expenditure of millions of loan money is carrying the colony along on a wave of prosperity which the Government and many others are of opinion will flow on for years after the debentures are due. A party received invitations lately to accompany the Governor and members of the Ministry and Parliament by special train to Kalgoorlie for the opening of the railway. The train consisted of six sleeping cars and the Governor's carriage, and provided for the party a dining saloon, a bar, over which the champagne flowed in miniature torrents. Each passenger was provided with several beautifully mounted cards, one containing the menu and toast list for the banquet, another providing entrance to the ball, a third setting forth the time-table of the special train; a fourth requesting the holder to "kindly" breakfast at such a place, lunch at another, dine at a third, and so on, until there was quite a pocketbook full of gold-lettered pasteboard. The banquet was a memorable one, as it was an example of the most modest extravagance and the most utter disregard for ceremony. The typical costume that night on the goldfields was not the white moles and blue shirt, but full evening dress, with a glistering of diamonds and starch-gloss linen. Champagne flowed in copious dishes, and what with the quantity handed to those on the outside, who were not favoured with invitations, the tally at the close showed that over 1600 bottles had in one way and another disappeared.

The Coloured Races Immigration Restriction Bill is soon to come before the Upper House, and it is thought that some features in the measure will not be approved in England by Her Majesty's advisers. The bill, as passed in the Assembly, provides for restricting the immigration of all coloured races whether British or foreign subjects, and it will, if agreed to by the Council, most likely be reserved by the Governor for the Queen's assent as a measure of an extraordinary character or one inconsistent with obligations imposed upon her Majesty by treaty, the Governor's power of assent not extending to such bills. The Premier (Mr. Reid) claims that he has the precedent of a Canadian Act of Parliament for saying that Royal assent will be given to his bill, but the home authorities have another precedent on the other side. In 1870 the Queensland Legislature passed an Act to amend the Gold Fields Act of 1874, so far as relates to Asiatic and African aliens. Governor Cairns sought the advice of the then Attorney-General (Mr. Griffith), who said the bill came within the scope of his Excellency's jurisdiction. The Governor was not, however, satisfied, and therefore, sought the personal assent of her Majesty, which was refused. The bill now before the New South Wales Legislature is applied to Chinese and Japanese, but to Indians who are subjects of the Queen, thus going much further than did the Queensland Bill of twenty years ago.

An interesting case came recently before the Water Police Court when Capt. Joshua Slocum, who is taking the yacht *Spray* around the world singlehanded, sought to have Henry Arthur Slater bound over to keep the peace. Slater, a messenger at the Works Department, is an ex-convict and was shot by a burglar some 10 years ago. Formerly he had been mate in a Yankee ship with Slocum, and when the *Spray* came along, he told some most thrilling tales of his usage while on board Slocum while at sea under his command. He told his story to interviewers and to public meetings at the Queen's Statue of how he was treated and confined unjustly for 55 days, and also how Slocum was punished in America. Slocum on arrival gave the charges a denial and published an affidavit of Slater's exaggerating him from all blame. In this pretty little quarrel the public took sides, one harbour steamer's passengers cheering the skipper Slater and another lot as fully avowed his Slocum's charges Slater with saying, "This Captain Slocum; God help him when we meet; I'll not be responsible for my action. This man you are going to make an angel of I'll make an angel of him when I get hold of him." Slater said the words he used were: "You are making a little god of this man; I'll make a little angel of him when we meet. God help my wife and family if I meet him." Under the circumstances the Magistrate had nothing to do but bind Slater over to keep the peace in certain terms.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

FROM SHANGHAI PAPERS.

Rebellion in Nan-Yun district. Big raid on female gamblers at Shanghai a few days ago.

The new German Treaty provides for foreign patent rights in Japan.

Would-be murderer of Hsu Yangye, at Peking, will probably lose his head.

The study of the Russian language is being vigorously taken up at Tientsin.

A Shanghai native was accidentally stabbed during a row between two Japanese.

A big German gun at Foochow burst, killing four men and wounding eleven others.

Chinese goods go free of duty to the Belgian Exhibition, opening April 24th next year.

The steamer *Benalir* went ashore near Kaitum Kiv's ship. She got off without damage.

A crowd of Chinese fell into a mud-bell in Defence Creek on the last day of the Shanghai Races. A bridge gave way with them.

FROM STRAITS AND SIAM PAPERS.

An Association of Insurance Agents is to be formed at Bangkok.

An Indian Commission reports against the introduction of Chinese miners into India.

The Admiralty has ordered boring to be made at Singapore for the site of the naval dock.

A Dyak woman, of Sipat, was bravely rescued from a crocodile's jaws by her daughter a few weeks ago.

Nineteen German naval officers are coming in the G.M.S. *Sachsen* to relieve officers on the China station.

Two sham detectives got six months in gaol at Singapore the other day for an audacious attempt at fraud.

The Hon. H. Trotter's despatch box was stolen from Claremont recently. It contained \$25 and valuable service papers.

Six Chinese have been committed for trial at Singapore for having counterfeit coins and coining implements in their possession.

The *Ho Sang*, once Rajah Brooke's yacht, is now being fitted with new boilers at Singapore. She did 107 knots over the measured mile.

A Manila man took a Chinaman down for a lot of jewellery a short time since at Singapore. He used the "confidence" trick on his victim.

FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.

An earthquake was felt at Gifu on the 29th ult.

A Tokio syndicate is about to erect a sulphur refinery.

The mourning for the Queen of Korea ends on the 16th inst.

Several life insurance frauds have been discovered in Japan.

A sailor of the *Mitsu Maru* was drowned last week in Kobe harbour.

The steamer *Kwanwon Maru* has been chartered by the N.Y.K.

Plans of the cable from Saka Point to Se Kiaki have been completed.

The Diet has voted 15,000 yen per annum as subsidy for technical schools.

Mr. Isabella Bird Bishop is in Seoul, and she is at work on a book on Korea.

A first class hotel is to be erected in Seoul by Mr. Galliard, of Galliard, Jeune.

There are 130 scholars in the English department of the Pui Chai School at Seoul.

Lieut. Kusmin, secretary to the Russian Military Agent in Korea, is now in Seoul.

The tobacco workers at Kagoshima are out on strike to the number of 68, for more pay.

A rebel leader, captured in Kang Won Do, has been shot in the Hov-yang market place.

Miss Matile Ingolds, M.D., of South Carolina, has been appointed Medical Missionary to Korea.

The Coal miners' strike at Shimonoseki has ended in an increase of 10 cents on the daily wage.

A sorceress named Han, lately arrested in Seoul, tried to commit suicide by hanging and failed.

During the last session of the Diet, out of 300 members, 117 made speeches, while 183 did not open their mouths.

Mr. F. Sternakers, French Consul at Nagasaki, will succeed Mr. Muller-Beck as Netherlands consul at that port.

An American man-of-war was ordered off when trying to take observations of the Hioyama Fort, Baku, on the 15th ult.

Two sailors from the French steamer *Malbourn* were caught on the 24th ult taking 11 quarters' pound tin of opium ashore.

### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Indian (*Lightning*) 14th inst.  
English (*Kaiser-i-Hind*) 15th inst.  
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 15th inst.  
American (*Belge*) 16th inst.  
German (*Sachsen*) 16th inst.  
American (*Pruss*) 21st inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 1st prox.  
American (*Coptic*) 1st prox.  
Tacoma (*Victoria*) 4th prox.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Omi Maru* left Nagasaki for this port this morning, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

THE steamship *City of Dundee* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.  
Ceres ..... steamer, from Kobe.  
Hiroshima Maru ..... " " Singapore.  
Braemar ..... " " Tacoma.  
Port Philip ..... " " Amoy.  
Amara ..... " " Japan.  
Manila ..... " " Foochow.  
Chingta ..... " " Moul.  
Aggregating 15,200 tons register.

DEPARTURES.  
Fremont ..... steamer, for Europe.  
Miffo ..... " " Canton.  
Wootton ..... " " Canton.  
Sardinia ..... " " Singapore.  
Nippon ..... " " Coast Ports.  
Fano ..... " " Hallow.  
China ..... " " America.  
Albia ..... " " Shanghai.  
Aggregating 16,930 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Hongshan ..... in Kowloon Dock.  
Lymoon ..... " " "  
Tian (H.L.G.M.S.) ..... " " "  
Actis ..... " " "  
Nard ..... " " "  
Chelydra ..... " " "  
John Baskin ..... " " Cosmo-politan  
Tallang ..... " " "  
Fritsburg ..... " " Aberdeen

### Amusement.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

By Kind Permission of  
Lieut.-Colonel C. E. B. NORCOTT,  
COMMANDING.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of  
H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,  
H.E. Maj.-Gen. WILSON BLACK, C.B.,  
and  
Commodore SWINTON HOLLAND, R.N.,  
A.D.C.

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SATURDAY, the 14th November, 1896.

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BOX OFFICE at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Piano and Music Rooms.

A Special Tram will leave for the PEAK fifteen minutes after the fall of the Curtain.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1896. [1747]

### Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 418.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until NOON of WEDNESDAY, the 18th November, 1896, for the Sale Privilege of FARMING the GRANITE QUARRIES in HONGKONG during the Year 1897.

No Tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$100, which shall be forfeited to the Crown by way of liquidated damages if such person refuses to enter into the usual Bond should his Tender be accepted.

The Form of Tender apply at this Office. For Specification and further Particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
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